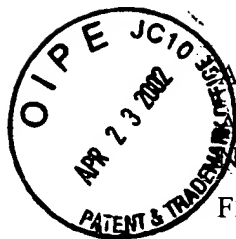


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EXAMINER: Not Assigned

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FOR: *STATINS (HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS) AS A NOVEL TYPE OF IMMUNOMODULATOR, IMMUNOSUPPRESSOR AND ANTI-INFLAMMATORY*

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a four-month extension of time to respond to the October 29, 2001, Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 29, 2002. A check in the amount of \$720.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith. Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 23135-501 CIP. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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